

Council Meeting
August 21, 2007 - 5:02 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Spaetti, Councilmen Spaetti, Bunner, Ebert, Kroeger, Winsett, Kress, Cochenour, and Attorney Wetherill were present.

Spaetti congratulated Councilman Ebert on his wedding anniversary.

Association of Indiana Counties – LOIT

Angie Dvorak, Legislative Director with Association of Indiana Counties, presented the council with a summary of HB 1478 and the Local Option Income Tax. The three options for the LOIT were discussed. Option A authorizes counties to impose an additional rate to fund levy growth for all civil units in the county, Option B authorizes counties to impose an additional rate to fund property tax relief, and Option C authorizes the county to impose an additional rate to provide funding for public safety. Option C is only available to counties that impose both Option A and Option B.

Kroeger suggested a special session be called for the council and commissioners to listen to information from Larry Deboer.

Commissioner Logsdon asked if any of the counties that adopted the tax hired a consultant to determine the impact on the county. Dvorak stated that she did not know of any that did. She stated that she is hearing that the legislature will continue to move toward the income tax.

Minutes

Kroeger was removed from the list of council members present at the meeting in the July 17, 2007 minutes. Cochenour made a motion to approve. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Additional Appropriations

County General

Clerk / Employee Training – Clerk Jochim requested an additional \$500 and the use of the \$1000 listed in the council budget for employee training. An employee is retiring and a new employee needs to be trained and will work part-time three days a week to learn the job. Kress made a motion to approve the \$500 additional and the use of the \$1000 in the council budget. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Hammond Township / Level II Compensation – The Hammond Township Trustee requested an additional \$500 for Level II Compensation. Cochenour made a motion to approve. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Surveyor / Fuel – Sublett requested an additional of \$2,500 for fuel. Bunner asked Sublett if he logged his miles. Sublett stated no. Discussion was had on the county employees logging the miles driven on county vehicles. Kroeger stated that logs are required by the IRS. Wetherill stated that it would be up to the commissioners to require logs from employees. Bunner stated that since \$900 has been used the first half of the year \$900 should be enough for the second half. Bunner made a motion to approve \$900. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Commissioners / County Insurance – Shelton requested an additional \$200,000 for county insurance, explaining that another additional will be requested next month also. The increase is due to an unusually high amount of very large claims this year. Kroeger made a motion to approve \$200,000. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse / Janitor Supplies – An additional of \$1,500 was requested for janitor supplies due to an increase in the cost of supplies. Ebert made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse / Telephones – An additional of \$4,500 is needed to make up the difference between the contract amount and the original budget request. Kroeger made a motion to approve \$4,500. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

EMA / Fuel – Perdue requested an additional of \$3,000 for fuel. Perdue was not present at the meeting. Ebert made a motion to table the request. Bunner seconded. Perdue later came in the meeting and stated that he runs approximately 25,000 miles per year and is out of money for fuel. Gogel stated that \$3,500 was appropriated last year. Bunner made a motion to appropriate \$2,400. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

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Highway

Major Moves / Road Repair – Painter explained that due to the damage done to the district roads during the winter, the commissioners requested that \$250,000 of Major Moves money be used for district roads. Commissioner Logsdon stated the governor directed that the money be used for economic development and the commissioners felt it was in the best interest of the county to repair the roads damages. It is important to prevent the chip and seal roads from going back to gravel roads. Ebert made a motion to approve the \$250,000. Kress seconded. All in favor.

Health –

LPHC – Donna Etienne explained that the Local Public Health Coordinator is paid for by the state through the CDC, but the CDC is late on their budget this year. The Health Department was allowed by the state to request a two month extension on this year's budget, which is reimbursable. The Health Department requested an additional of \$6,000. Cochenour made a motion to approve \$6,000. Kroeger seconded. All in favor. Discussion was had on the release of a letter from the State Health Department on the results of the testing done in Richland; there will be an information meeting held at a later date and the council requested an invitation.

Cum Cap Development

Consultant / Public Safety Building – An additional of \$30,324.38 is requested to pay Universal Design for the engineering and design work done on the Spencer County Public Safety Building. Kroeger stated that the Joint Long Term Planning Committee needs to meet again. Kroeger made a motion to approve the additional of \$30,324.38. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Rotunda Project – Shelton explained that the grant for the rotunda is a reimbursement grant and only half was originally appropriated, so the other half needs to be appropriated to pay Mominee Studios. Ebert made a motion to approve an additional of \$35,000. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Pre-Trial Diversion

Prosecutor / Utilities – Dartt requested an additional of \$2,100 for utilities, a figure he obtained from the Auditor's office. Dartt expects utilities to decrease now that a tenant has moved in above the office. Kress made a motion to approve an additional of \$2,100. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Victims Advocate – Dartt explained that the Victims Advocate is mostly paid for out of a grant and then the county makes up the difference to bring her pay up to what other county employees are making and for PERF. He requested an additional of \$1,021. Cochenour made a motion to approve. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Law Enforcement Fund

Neighborhood Watch/Steven R. Jenkins Co. – Dartt explained that the Law Enforcement Fund is money collected from drug forfeitures. Dartt requested that \$800 be appropriated to pay for Neighborhood Watch signs and brochures. Dartt also requested \$159.20 for new BDU shirts with dog handling patches. Ebert made a motion to approve a total of \$959.20. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Probation User Fee

Judge Roell requested an additional of \$1,000 from Probation User Fee for operating cash in Drug Court. Ebert made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Transfers

Pre-Trial Diversion

Dartt requested a transfer decreasing Repair of Equipment \$125 and increasing Office Supplies \$105 and Miscellaneous \$20, due to the increase use of supplies during the capital murder trial. Bunner made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

E911

Sheriff Lindsey requested a decrease in Regular Dispatcher of \$10,240 and an increase in Senior Dispatcher of \$10,240. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

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Jail

Lindsey requested a decrease in Senior Jail of \$20,470 and an increase in Jailer Salary of \$20,470; and a decrease in Senior Dispatch of \$13,800 and an increase in Dispatch Salary of \$13,800. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Bunner seconded. All in favor.

Commissioners

Shelton explained that the transfer was needed to cover medical insurance payments until an additional could come through. The commissioners requested a decrease in PERF of \$15,000 and an increase in Health Insurance of \$15,000. Kroeger made a motion to approve. Kress seconded. All in favor.

EMA

Perdue requested a decrease in Emergency meals of \$140.92 and an increase in Per Diem of \$140.92. Ebert made a motion to approve. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Community Corrections Board

Dartt asked one of the councilmen to volunteer to serve on the Community Corrections Board; the commissioners will make the official appointments next month. Bunner stated that he will call Dartt and talk about the appointment. Ebert made a motion to appoint Bunner to the board. Cochenour seconded. All in favor.

Child Support Reimbursement

Winsett asked Dartt about the status of the reimbursement for child support due from the state. Dartt stated that \$90,000 has just come in and he is expecting more.

Tax Information Meeting

Spaetti asked Kroeger if he wanted to set up a meeting with Larry Deboer. Phil Schmidt said he will have to contact Deboer and see if he is available. Kroeger suggested just having the council and commissioners watch the video conference. Schmidt said he will check on the requirements of using the video. Kroeger stated that it is a worthwhile video to watch. It is approximately 2 hours long and discussion time will be needed after the viewing.

Drainage Ordinance

Schmidt introduced the property owners present in support of the ordinance: Al Logsdon, Doug Knepper, representing K & K Dirtworks, Trish Dugas, representing Soil and Water, Kirby Youngblood, Jeff Vogel, Scott Singleton, Dennis Fueger, Chuck Painter, David Gogel, Merl Schwartz, Bob Reinke, and Paul Giles. Schmidt explained that the SBA has approved use of funds other than drainage funds, and went through the proposed three year plan. Kroeger stated that he liked how specific the plan is and as long as the Drainage Board is satisfied then he will be satisfied. He also stated that he appreciated the work done by the committee and they deserve an award from the AIC. Logsdon stated that he met with Tammy White of the State Board of Accounts and she laid out four requirements necessary for using funds other than drainage funds. Winsett made a motion to approve sign Ordinance 2007-12 – Ordinance of the County Council of Spencer County Concerning Major Regulated and Unregulated County Drains. Bunner seconded. All in Favor.

Additional Continued

Rainy Day Fund

Drainage Board President Logsdon and the drainage committee requested an additional of \$115,000 to be used this year toward the proposed drainage plan. Cochenour made a motion to approve the long term plan to be funded annually through available funds beginning with an amount of \$115,000 from the Rainy Day Fund. Ebert seconded. All in favor.

Budget Hearings

Spaetti reminded the council that Budget Hearings are scheduled for August 27, 28 and 29. Spaetti stated that if a councilman needs to be absent, the first day is the best time to miss.

Landscaping

Shelton presented that proposal drawn up by Masterson's Nursery for the courthouse lawn. The total proposed cost is \$10,461.40. Kroeger stated he did not like the stone chosen. No further discussion was had.

LTRSD

Winsett stated that he would like for an informational meeting to be set up on the results of the state testing on the sewer systems in Richland. Shelton will contact the Health Department about setting up a meeting.

Bunner made a motion to adjourn. Winsett seconded. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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Cindy Shelton, Auditor	
